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MANDATE

In accordance with the *Gaming and Liquor Act*, the *Criminal Code (Canada)* and within the policy framework established by the provincial government, the mandate of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission is to:

- license, regulate and monitor gaming and liquor activities in Alberta;
- define operating policies and procedures for gaming and liquor activities;
- ensure integrity in the operation of gaming and liquor activities;
- collect gaming and liquor revenue;
- ensure business and program operations are run efficiently and effectively;
- disburse provincial lottery revenues;
- support industry and government initiatives to address problem gambling and responsible alcohol consumption; and
- communicate to gaming and liquor stakeholders accurate and timely information.

The Commission administers the Alberta Lottery Fund under the provisions of the *Gaming and Liquor Act*.

CHARITABLE GAMING MODEL

Overview

Alberta has adopted the charitable model for casinos, bingos, pull-tickets and raffles. These gaming activities may only occur when eligible charitable or religious groups apply for and receive licences to conduct the gaming activities.

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) endeavours to ensure, through the setting of appropriate policies, procedures and terms and conditions for these various gaming activities, that the financial return to charitable and religious groups is maximized for the benefit of the charitable organizations, the programs and activities they deliver and the communities in which these activities are undertaken. The AGLC seeks to ensure, as a part of its mandate, that the integrity of gaming is maintained through ongoing reviews of these gaming activities, the licensing process, and enforcement of policies, procedures and terms and conditions.

Eligibility Requirements

A charitable or religious group is eligible for a licence to conduct gaming activities if the group:

- actively delivers a program or service which provides a benefit to a significant segment of the community. The program or service must be reasonably available to all members of the general public who qualify and wish to participate in that program or use that service.

- uses revenue from its gaming activities for a charitable or religious objective or purpose.

Structure

To be eligible for licensing the applicant groups must:

- have a broad based volunteer membership;
- have an executive democratically chosen from its volunteer base;
- not pay its members, directors or officers;
- have programs which benefit a large segment of the community, not the individual members' self interest;
- be a not-for-profit organization;
- have volunteers who are responsible for establishing, maintaining control of, and delivering the group's programs; and
- be incorporated (if a licence fee is required).

Community Benefit

Alberta's Charitable Gaming Model requires that proceeds from gaming activities provide a benefit to the community. The following are some **examples** for which charitable gaming activities benefit the community at large.

CATEGORY	BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY
Relief of the aged or disadvantaged	• relief to the poor • programs for the elderly to remain active in society • social services and educational programs for emotionally/physically distressed
Advancing education and learning	• student scholarships • aid to schools • aid to libraries • aid to museums • aid to the arts • aid to the preservation of cultural heritage
Help to community	• improvements to quality of health • support medical research • aid medical treatment programs • supply a facility for community use • support competitive amateur athletics • contribute places for worship and other religious programs

Eligible Groups

The types of groups who are eligible to obtain licences to conduct charitable gaming activities can be categorized as follows:

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Agriculture	Organizations registered under the Alberta Societies Act or Agricultural Societies Act as an agricultural fair or exhibition board.
Arts	Performing visual and literary arts groups which focus on art galleries, dance, general and instrumental music, choral, opera, theatre, historical and multicultural organizations, museums and archives. This also includes marching, school and youth bands, and related groups such as parent associations and booster clubs.
Community	Groups whose activities are of a general nature that support a variety of programs in the community (for example, community associations, community leagues).
Education	Organizations including playschools, kindergarten, preschools, private schools, parent organizations in support of educational programs, colleges, technical institutions and universities.
Medicine-Health	Organizations assisting those afflicted with a specific physical or mental disorder; organizations supporting basic medical research; and, auxiliaries or support groups to health care facilities and people who are physically disabled.
Multiculturalism	Organizations which identify themselves with a country of specific ethnic origin and whose activities are of a general nature that support a wide variety of programs in the community.
Recreation	The organizations' activities are not of a competitive nature. They may include support for recreational facilities, parks and recreation organizations, among others.
Religion	Churches, parishes, temples, synagogues and auxiliary groups which support the religious activity and focus to further religious principles and objectives.
Senior Citizens	Organizations where the majority of membership is 60 years of age or older. Includes resident "clubs" in senior citizen homes and groups providing recreational and social activities for senior citizens.
Service	Fraternal, service and veteran organizations which are established by a statute or international/national "charter".
Social Action	Organizations which focus on specific issues of social concern and promote these issues through social and educational programs.
Sports	Organizations which support competitive amateur individual and team sports.
Youth	Organizations providing a variety of programming for young people, and including auxiliary groups in support of these organizations.

ALL LICENSED GAMING

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	% of Gross	Expenses ($000)	% of Gross	Slots ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Fiscal 2001/2002								
Bingos	2,526	281,368	180,638	64.2	50,332	17.9		50,398
Casinos	2,828	649,543	524,410	80.7	77,797	12.0	67,060	114,396
Pull-Tickets	719	48,756	36,232	74.3	2,760	5.7		9,764
Raffles(1)	280	77,896	34,536	44.3	17,817	22.9		25,543
	6,353	1,057,563	775,816	73.4	148,706	14.1	67,060	200,101
Fiscal 2000/2001								
Bingos	2,428	282,271	181,583	64.3	50,469	17.9		50,219
Casinos	2,743	611,273	494,498	80.9	70,062	11.5	52,413	99,126
Pull-Tickets	611	40,931	30,658	74.9	1,921	4.7		8,352
Raffles(1)	295	77,909	34,467	44.2	18,003	23.1		25,439
	6,077	1,012,384	741,206	73.2	140,455	13.9	52,413	183,136
Fiscal 1999/2000								
Bingos	3,351	302,676	195,433	64.6	52,484	17.3		54,759
Casinos	2,695	594,127	493,056	83.0	61,890	10.4	37,440	76,621
Pull-Tickets	677	41,355	30,964	74.9	1,951	4.7		8,440
Raffles(1)	328	58,331	22,712	38.9	10,770	18.5		24,849
	7,051	996,489	742,165	74.5	127,095	12.8	37,440	164,669

FISCAL 2001/2002 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	Expenses ($000)	Slots ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Calgary	1,387	409,849	309,696	53,497	21,405	68,061
Edmonton	1,568	395,231	291,576	55,962	27,059	74,752
Fort McMurray	270	20,586	14,580	3,298	1,857	4,565
Grande Prairie	263	25,123	17,139	4,447	3,879	7,416
Lethbridge	271	28,054	20,277	4,315	2,689	6,151
Medicine Hat	270	21,607	15,882	3,392	2,726	5,059
Red Deer	441	36,573	25,357	6,857	3,880	8,239
St. Albert	297	25,386	18,013	4,111	3,565	6,827
Other Locations	1,586	95,154	63,296	12,827	0	19,031
	6,353	1,057,563	775,816	148,706	67,060	200,101

(1) Does not include raffles under $10,000.

BINGOS

		Licences	Events	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	% of Gross	Expenses ($000)	% of Gross	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)	% of Gross
Fiscal 2001/2002										
Calgary	- Regular	319	8,026	49,392	31,403	63.6	11,031	22.3	6,958	14.1
	- Satellite			8,880	4,442	50.0	844	9.5	3,594	40.5
Edmonton	- Regular	706	11,443	75,121	49,980	66.5	15,465	20.6	9,676	12.9
	- Satellite			12,739	6,370	50.0	1,210	9.5	5,159	40.5
All Other Locations	- Regular	1,501	23,091	114,365	77,997	68.2	19,800	17.3	16,568	14.5
	- Satellite			20,871	10,446	50.0	1,982	9.5	8,443	40.5
		2,526	42,560	281,368	180,638	64.2	50,332	17.9	50,398	17.9
Fiscal 2000/2001										
Calgary	- Regular	310	7,988	52,943	34,107	64.4	11,264	21.3	7,572	14.3
	- Satellite			8,473	4,237	50.0	805	9.5	3,431	40.5
Edmonton	- Regular	698	11,533	76,758	51,116	66.6	15,987	20.8	9,655	12.6
	- Satellite			12,560	6,280	50.0	1,193	9.5	5,087	40.5
All Other Locations	- Regular	1,420	20,907	110,926	75,533	68.1	19,262	17.4	16,131	14.5
	- Satellite			20,611	10,310	50.0	1,958	9.5	8,343	40.5
		2,428	40,428	282,271	181,583	64.3	50,469	17.9	50,219	17.8
Fiscal 1999/2000										
Calgary	- Regular	399	8,494	55,785	35,975	64.5	11,435	20.5	8,375	15.0
	- Satellite			8,734	4,370	50.0	829	9.5	3,535	40.5
Edmonton	- Regular	949	11,819	79,621	52,894	66.4	16,110	20.2	10,617	13.4
	- Satellite			12,720	6,361	50.0	1,208	9.5	5,151	40.5
All Other Locations	- Regular	2,003	26,394	123,863	84,852	68.5	20,817	16.8	18,194	14.7
	- Satellite			21,953	10,981	50.0	2,085	9.5	8,887	40.5
		3,351	46,707	302,676	195,433	64.6	52,484	17.3	54,759	18.1

FISCAL 2001/2002 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Events	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	Expenses ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Calgary	319	8,026	58,272	35,845	11,875	10,552
Edmonton	706	11,443	87,860	56,350	16,675	14,835
Fort McMurray	82	981	9,331	6,144	1,299	1,888
Grande Prairie	67	952	7,409	4,602	1,219	1,588
Lethbridge	73	1,312	11,938	7,662	1,987	2,289
Medicine Hat	70	1,333	9,409	6,363	1,710	1,336
Red Deer	121	1,443	12,778	8,489	2,238	2,051
St. Albert	104	1,553	12,522	8,058	2,061	2,403
Other Locations	984	15,517	71,849	47,125	11,268	13,456
	2,526	42,560	281,368	180,638	50,332	50,398

CASINOS

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	% of Gross	Expenses ($000)	% of Gross	Slots ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Fiscal 2001/2002								
Calgary	902	304,748	248,588	81.6	33,028	10.8	21,405	44,537
Edmonton	732	266,592	215,615	80.9	30,717	11.5	27,059	47,319
All Other Locations	1,194	78,203	60,207	77.0	14,052	18.0	18,596	22,540
	2,828	649,543	524,410	80.7	77,797	12.0	67,060	114,396
Fiscal 2000/2001								
Calgary	896	281,578	229,745	81.6	29,119	10.3	17,335	40,049
Edmonton	728	259,348	211,174	81.4	28,052	10.8	20,062	40,184
All Other Locations	1,119	70,347	53,579	76.2	12,891	18.3	15,016	18,893
	2,743	611,273	494,498	80.9	70,062	11.5	52,413	99,126
Fiscal 1999/2000								
Calgary	902	279,704	233,948	83.6	26,585	9.5	13,175	32,346
Edmonton	729	255,524	212,392	83.1	25,241	9.9	14,437	32,328
All Other Locations	1,064	58,899	46,716	79.3	10,064	17.1	9,828	11,947
	2,695	594,127	493,056	83.0	61,890	10.4	37,440	76,621

FISCAL 2001/2002 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	Expenses ($000)	Slots ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Calgary	902	304,748	248,588	33,028	21,405	44,537
Edmonton	732	266,592	215,615	30,717	27,059	47,319
Fort McMurray	180	10,007	7,647	1,848	1,857	2,369
Grande Prairie	183	14,703	11,086	2,789	3,879	4,707
Lethbridge	180	13,777	11,042	2,152	2,689	3,272
Medicine Hat	179	8,668	6,980	1,486	2,726	2,928
Red Deer	287	18,543	13,740	3,742	3,880	4,941
St. Albert	182	12,375	9,604	2,033	3,565	4,303
Other Locations	3	130	108	2	0	20
	2,828	649,543	524,410	77,797	67,060	114,396

PULL-TICKETS

	Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	% of Gross	Expenses ($000)	% of Gross	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)	% of Gross
Fiscal 2001/2002									
Calgary	107	7,984	14,491	10,747	74.2	859	5.9	2,885	19.9
Edmonton	61	3,576	6,272	4,663	74.3	330	5.3	1,279	20.4
All Other Locations	551	18,125	27,993	20,822	74.4	1,571	5.6	5,600	20.0
	719	29,685	48,756	36,232	74.3	2,760	5.7	9,764	20.0
Fiscal 2000/2001									
Calgary	68	5,551	9,960	7,450	74.8	462	4.6	2,048	20.6
Edmonton	48	3,059	4,920	3,706	75.3	215	4.4	999	20.3
All Other Locations	495	17,471	26,051	19,502	74.9	1,244	4.7	5,305	20.4
	611	26,081	40,931	30,658	74.9	1,921	4.7	8,352	20.4
Fiscal 1999/2000									
Calgary	71	5,562	9,985	7,469	74.8	462	4.6	2,054	20.6
Edmonton	51	3,070	4,938	3,718	75.3	216	4.4	1,004	20.3
All Other Locations	555	17,782	26,432	19,777	74.8	1,273	4.8	5,382	20.4
	677	26,414	41,355	30,964	74.9	1,951	4.7	8,440	20.4

FISCAL 2001/2002 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	Expenses ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Calgary	107	7,984	14,491	10,747	859	2,885
Edmonton	61	3,576	6,272	4,663	330	1,279
Fort McMurray	4	276	429	317	35	77
Grande Prairie	5	148	276	208	15	53
Lethbridge	8	931	1,529	1,143	91	295
Medicine Hat	13	1,262	2,752	2,104	138	510
Red Deer	19	1,543	2,936	2,147	202	587
St. Albert	11	349	489	351	17	121
Other Locations	491	13,616	19,582	14,552	1,073	3,957
	719	29,685	48,756	36,232	2,760	9,764

RAFFLES(1)

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	% of Gross	Expenses ($000)	% of Gross	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)	% of Gross
Fiscal 2001/2002								
Calgary	59	32,338	14,516	44.9	7,735	23.9	10,087	31.2
Edmonton	69	34,507	14,948	43.3	8,240	23.9	11,319	32.8
All Other Locations	152	11,051	5,072	45.9	1,842	16.7	4,137	37.4
	280	77,896	34,536	44.3	17,817	22.9	25,543	32.8
Fiscal 2000/2001								
Calgary	62	31,921	14,268	44.7	7,780	24.4	9,873	30.9
Edmonton	74	34,726	15,120	43.6	8,345	24.0	11,261	32.4
All Other Locations	159	11,262	5,079	45.1	1,878	16.7	4,305	38.2
	295	77,909	34,467	44.2	18,003	23.1	25,439	32.7
Fiscal 1999/2000								
Calgary	63	25,832	8,976	34.7	4,727	18.3	12,129	47.0
Edmonton	76	21,051	8,238	39.1	4,527	21.5	8,286	39.4
All Other Locations	189	11,448	5,498	48.0	1,516	13.2	4,434	38.8
	328	58,331	22,712	38.9	10,770	18.5	24,849	42.6

FISCAL 2001/2002 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross ($000)	Prizes/ Winnings ($000)	Expenses ($000)	Net Proceeds to Charity ($000)
Calgary	59	32,338	14,516	7,735	10,087
Edmonton	69	34,507	14,948	8,240	11,319
Fort McMurray	4	819	472	116	231
Grande Prairie	8	2,735	1,243	424	1,068
Lethbridge	10	810	430	85	295
Medicine Hat	8	778	435	58	285
Red Deer	14	2,316	981	675	660
Other Locations	108	3,593	1,511	484	1,598
	280	77,896	34,536	17,817	25,543

(1) Does not include raffles under $10,000.

SCHEDULE OF LICENCE FEES

	Licence Fee
Bingos	
At Licensed Bingo Facility	$30 Per Event
Not At Licensed Bingo Facility	
- Events With Yearly Sales of $150,000 or Less	NIL
- Events With Yearly Sales Over $150,000	$30 Per Event
Casinos	
Not at Fairs or Exhibitions	$15 Per Table Per Day
At Fairs or Exhibitions	$35 Per Table Per Day
Pull-Tickets	$10 Per Set of Sealed, Boxed or Bagged Pull Tickets
Raffles	
Raffles More Than $10,000 and Less Than $100,000	$150
Raffles More Than $100,000 and Less Than $1,000,000	$500
Raffles $1,000,000 or More	$1,000
Raffle Authorizing Lottery Scheme That Involves Prize Bonds	$10,000
Casino Facilities	
Operating 6 or 7 days per week	$500
Operating less than 6 days per week	$100

LICENCE FEES COLLECTED

	Bingos ($000)	Casinos ($000)	Pull Tickets ($000)	Raffles ($000)	Casino Facilities ($000)	Total Fees Collected ($000)
2001/02	1,117	1,461	321	101	8	3,008
2000/01	1,205	1,465	305	86	8	3,069
1999/00	993	1,311	316	114	8	2,742

LICENSING INFORMATION

To obtain more information about the requirements for gaming licences, contact your nearest office of the Regulatory Division, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission:

St. Albert
50 Corriveau Avenue
St. Albert, AB T8N 3T5
Tel: (780)447-8600 or 1-800-272-8876

Calgary
110, 6715 - 8 Street NE
Calgary, AB T2E 7H7
Tel: (403) 292-7300 or 1-800-372-9518

Red Deer
13, 7895 - 49 Avenue
Red Deer, AB T4P 2B4
Tel: (403) 314-2656 or 310-0000

Lethbridge
3103-12 Avenue N
Lethbridge, AB T1H 5P7
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Grande Prairie
10020-124 Ave
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